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COSTA RICA.

Report from Port Limon—Fruit port.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *August 5, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for week ended August 4. The following vessels have cleared from this port direct for the United States:

Date.	Vessel.	Master.	Crew.	Destination.	Number of passengers.	Number of pieces baggage disinfected.
Aug. 2	Steamship Olympia	Seiders	38	Mobile	0	0
Aug. 3	Steamship Hispania	Frockberg	21	do	0	0
Aug. 4	Steamship Holstein	Aarhuus	21	do	0	0

The sanitary conditions of Port Limon and vicinity are good. Seven deaths occurred during the week as follows: July 29, a child, 1 year of age, from dysentery; an adult, 34 years of age, from phthisis pulmonalis; an adult, 31 years of age, from intermittent fever; July 31, a child, 1 day of age, from inanition. August 3, a child, 1 year and 4 days of age, from dysentery; an adult 38 years of age, from dysentery, and on 4th an adult, 48 years of age, from heart disease.

Respectfully, J. GREY THOMAS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Case of smallpox at Port Limon.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *August 8, 1900.*

SIR: On August 7, there was discovered 1 case of smallpox in the person of a negro man. He was immediately isolated outside of the city limits. The house in which he was taken ill was properly disinfected, all bed clothing, pillows, and mattresses being burned.

Respectfully, J. GREY THOMAS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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Description of the fruit wharves at Port Limon.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *August 6, 1900.*

SIR: In answer to your letter (G.) of July 10, 1900, will say that I inclose under separate cover a drawing of the fruit wharves at Port Limon as requested. The existing pier is constructed of wood, and I am informed will be used until December of this year, when the new iron pier which is nearly completed will be used. The wooden structure accommodates 2 vessels on the wing. The iron structure will be able to accommodate 5 vessels. All vessels are moored at the extreme ends of the piers.

Mr. Jno. M. Keith, division manager of the United Fruit Company for Costa Rica, says: "I am not in receipt of any information from our home office of any intention of constructing a disinfecting plant at Port Limon, but have no doubt that our company would do so if necessary."